



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

October 26, 1999

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Washington D.C. 20004

RE: MUR 4806  
Hamilton Bank, N.A.  
Eduardo A. Masferrer  
Maria F. Diaz

Dear Mr. Barcella:

On September 1, 1998, the Federal Election Commission ("the Commission") found reason to believe that your clients, Hamilton Bank, N.A., Eduardo A. Masferrer, and Maria F. Diaz, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a). At your request, the Commission determined on October 19, 1999, to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your client, Hamilton Bank, N.A., agrees with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return it, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

In addition, after considering the circumstances of the matter, the Commission also determined on October 19, 1999, to take no further action against Mr. Masferrer and Ms. Diaz, and closed the file as it pertains to them.

Mr. Barcella, Esq.

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The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions or suggestions for changes in the agreement, or if you wish to arrange a meeting in connection with a mutually satisfactory conciliation agreement, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



Tamara K. Kapper  
Paralegal Specialist

Enclosure

Conciliation Agreement